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In spite of these, in a sense unessential, shortcomings we have every reason to welcome this book. Teachers who would train their students to search for scattered information, let us say, for evidence concerning foods, forests, atrocities, humanitarian feelings, or to "cut their wisdom teeth" on the problems of criticism, will not find the book too bulky or bewildering. Men and women of common sense, realizing that men and women at all times had more common sense than the fairy tales that pass for history, particularly the history of the Crusades seem to give them credit for, will surely be refreshed by these "first-told" tales. Yet another sort that writes to edify may learn from these crude sketches that genuine edification, from which there is no rude awakening, comes only through the telling of the whole and unvarnished truth.

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**Great-Hearted Women.** By Mabel Ansley Murphy, Philadelphia: The Union Press. Pp. 164.

This little volume contains short biographies of sixteen women, chosen with reference to the fact that they showed "greatheartedness" in their unselfish service of others. The book is copyrighted by the "American Sunday School Union" and is a book intended for use as a sort of supplementary textbook in Sunday Schools or for the libraries which are often connected with them. It is intended to give "help by reading of others who have suffered as we are suffering, and have had the strength to be strong, or to 'come back' after failure." (p. 5.)

The lives chosen all exemplify what women may do and have done. They are principally those within the past century and a half, and are all chosen from among Protestant Christians—largely, though not altogether, of the quietistic type. While they may not exhibit the heroic piety which is so often seen in the lives of the saints as we know them, they do set forth some vary human, latter-day exemplars which both Catholics and Protestants can afford to imitate to great advantage. The insight into some of the more intimate phases of these lives is valuable to anyone who is on a "quest for the real things of life." (p.6)